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✓ To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk  
Madam Cama Marg  
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

**Sub: Diversion of 12.8957 ha of forest land in favour of Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd., Mumbai for rehabilitation and up gradation of Patgaon-Khopoli Section-II (43+783 to 69+508 KM) part of NH-3 Shahapur-Murbad-Karjat-Khopoli-NH4 section of newly declared NH-548A in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-1320/C.R.238/F-10 dated 10.03.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12818/(71)/778/2020-21 dated 12.11.2020 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Regional Office (WCZ), MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. Consolidated single KML file of entire road alignment under instant proposal, dully highlighting proposed forest area for diversion has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. It is mentioned in online Part- I and in the covering letter of State Government that the proposal does not involve any non-forest land, whereas, in area calculation statement, it is mentioned that proposal also involves non-forest land of 30.34 ha. Justification for the same shall be submitted by the State Government and necessary correction shall be made in online Part- I and copy of the same may also be submitted.
- iii. Cross sectional map mentioning RoW required is not submitted along with the proposal. The same shall be submitted.
- iv. Date of submission is not mentioned in Part-I submitted along with the proposal. Revised Part- I mentioning name of signing authority (legibly) and date of submission shall be submitted by the User Agency.
- v. Details of realignment/ by-pass involved, if any, in the proposal is not mentioned. The same shall be submitted by the User Agency.
- vi. Examination of KML of CA land uploaded in Parivesh portal, it is observed that portion of CA land is falling in water body. The same may be revisited and correct



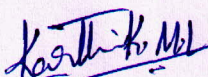
KML file of CA land shall be uploaded in Parivesh portal and soft copy of the same shall be submitted by DCF concerned to this office.

- vii. Since Eco-Sensitive Zone of Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified, ESZ is deemed to be 10 Km. The State Government shall obtain comments from PCCF (Wildlife), Maharashtra on the importance of area from wildlife point of view and conservation measures, if any shall be submitted.
- viii. Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted. In addition to this, copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.
- ix. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be provided by the State Government.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.


Yours faithfully,

  
(Karthik, M.L.)

Technical Officer (Gr. II)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

  
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